

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/NZ2004/000319

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. 7: A63F 3/02; A63C 19/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC A63F 3/00, 3/02; A63C 19/00, 19/02, 19/04, 19/06

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2001/037955 A (Balan), 31 May 2001 Whole document, abstract, figures 1-2; pp1-3	43-45, 49-51, 55-56, 76-77
X	WO 2002/092178 A (Jacobs), 21 November 2002 Whole document, abstract, figures 3, pp 1, 3, 6, 10-11	43-45, 47, 49, 50, 55-56, 76- 77
X	CA 2458847 A (Konami Corporation), 6 March 2003 Whole document, abstract	43-47, 49-50, 55-56, 76-77
X	WO 2003/037462 A (Mattel, Inc.), 8 May 2003 Whole document, abstract, pp 2-3, 6-7	43-47, 49-50, 56, 76-77

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C

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* Special categories of cited documents:		
"A"	document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"E"	earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date	"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"L"	document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"O"	document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"&" document member of the same patent family
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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 1997/049463 A (Jackson), 31 December 1997 Whole document	37-42, 75
A	WO 2001/024883 A (Camo), 12 April 2001 Whole document	37-42, 75
A	WO 2001/056667 A (Power Ball Limited), 9 August 2001 Whole document	37-42, 75

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 1-42, 74-75
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
The definition of rules or methods of doing business, performing purely mental acts or playing games
2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.: 37-42, 75
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box No: III

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. The International Searching Authority has found that there are three different inventions as follows:

1. Claims 37-42, 75 are directed to a game area for playing a game.
2. Claims 43-56, 76-77 are directed to a method of playing a board game.
3. Claims 57-73, 78: a sword with a blade section and a handle section

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report				Patent Family Member			
WO	2001/037955	AU	20388/01				
WO	2002/092718	CA	2447682	GB	2390981		
CA	2458847	EP	1428560	US	2004239031	WO	2003/018149
WO	2003/037462	CA	2465212	EP	1450916	US	2003127800
WO	1997/049463	AU	30839/97				
WO	2001/024883	AU	42775/00	BA	99493		
WO	2001/056667	AU	32018/01	GB	0002777		

Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.

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